Statement

Areas in States and U. Ts which are prone to Fluorosis

Andhra Pradesh	Nalgonda and Prakanam districts.
Delhi	Bindapur Village and other villages.
Gujarat	Liliye and Lethi taluks in Amorli districts.
Haryana	Dayalpur Atali, Chhanes, Machgar Sotai villages.
Karnataka	Mundargi Kirapur, Kelakori and Mustikoppa villages of Dharwar district,
Punjab	Bhatinda, Sangrur and Ferozepur districts.
Rajasthan	In 6681 of 24037 villages, the flueries content of the water is high.
Tamil Nadu	Salem, Tanjore, South Arcot and Kanyakumari districts.
Uttar Pradesh	Khanjarpur, Usorn, Sikn, Madheya Khan and Kapurva villages.

Protection of Taj Mahal against stone "Cancer"

1403. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Taj Mahal has been affected by stone "Cancer" which has resulted in discolouring, flaking, blackening of its marble/stones for quite some time now; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps Government have so far taken to protect the monument and what funds have been allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TAHI): (a) Taj Mahal is not affected by stone cancer. However, discolouring, flaking and blackening of the marble have been observed.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India has set up sensitive instruments in the field laboratory in Taj Mahal to monitor continuously the concentration of pollutants in the ambient air apart from other steps taken by Government to protect the monument like:

(i) closing down the two thermal plants in the vicinity of Taj

(ii) Dieselisation of locomotives in the Railway marshalling yards at Agra

(iii) developing a green belt between Mathura and Agra

(iv) constitution of an Expert Committee in June 1984 to monitor all aspects of preservation and to recommend measures to keep Taj in a good state of preservation

(v) regular maintenance and periodical structural repairs and chemical preservation.

During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 11.05 lakhs has been allocated for this purpose.

Committee to study conditions of female prisoners

1404. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a